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Aruban to debut on Australian highway with solar vehicle!



Nuon Solar Team

Aruban student, Javier Sint Jago, will be the first of the Nuon Solar team to test his Nuna 6 on the Australian highway in preparation for the World Solar Challenge. The World Solar Challenge is a three thousand kilometers race with solar powered vehicles through the Australian desert. The 25 year old Javier, a former Colegio Arubano student had the privilege of crawling into the small cockpit of his Nuna 6, start the engine and press the pedal. The first test went without any incident. Thus far all tests were conducted on trial racetracks. But now Javier was able to take his

vehicle to a public road, a rather uneven road, where he had to contend with potholes and other road users.

The solar vehicle achieved the desired speed, which demonstrated that the technical aspects for which an Aruban team member is responsible is functioning optimally.

The Delft Technical University team has been camping out for several weeks at Darwin to prepare themselves adequately for this race, which takes place every two years. A total of 30 teams from 22 countries will be participating in this race. The race is scheduled to begin



Nuon Solar TeamSolar

October 16 and by October 23 the winner should have gotten to the finish line at Adelaide. Nuna 6 was prohibited to get on the highway any earlier as they had to wait for permission from the Australian highway authorities, who had to submit the solar vehicle to rigorous inspection to certify it fit for the highway.

The best friend and at the same time worst enemy of the team is the sun. The temperature gauge in Darwin goes up to 34 degrees making the temperature in the cockpit almost 50 degrees. However, Javier has somewhat of an advantage over the other racers. Having been born and raised in the hot climate of Aruba he is well accustomed to the hot sun. The racers usually change drivers during the race. Before the race, former astronaut and guru of sustainability, Wubbo Ockels will serve the team as their coach. He has guided 4 teams to victory in the past. Last year Nuna 5 had to settle for 2nd place winner. Now, both Ockels and the students are doing everything possible to be first place winners. Javier promised to give 200% of his energy and expertise to win this race. Javier was raised in the Noord barrio and studied electric engineering in Holland in 2004 at TU Delft.

Last year Javier was in Aruba upon invitation of the Prime Minister to showcase his Nuna solar vehicle at the Green Aruba Conference I. Aruba wishes Javier Sint Jago and Andrew Hagens with his Green Choice much success in the upcoming race in Australia.

The accompanying photos show Javier Sint Jago driving the Nuna 6, and driving on the highway in Australia.

What to be done?



A few months ago, a rather entrepreneurial but not very environmental islander had the idea of collecting all the dirty oil accumulated at various garages from regular servicing to earn a fee for disposing of said waste. only becomes a problem when it rains and water levels rise, forcing the dirty, smelly oil on to the Caya Betico Croes. Then it becomes quite an unpleasant problem for all the businesses located along the street.

Unfortunately, they chose to do it by pouring it down into the Oranjestad sewer system rather than take it to the dump on the south side where it would be taken care of properly. They were caught and fined; however the tens of gallons of oil still contaminate the town's sewer system.

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60 dead, four million affected in India floods



JAJPUR (AFP) - Sixty people have died and four million have been affected by flooding

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week," Disaster Management Minister Surya Patra from the state of Orissa told AFP following separate bouts of heavy rains that led rivers to break their banks.

"Flooding since the beginning of the month has left 60 people dead and over four million reeling under the impact," he said, adding that coastal regions of the impoverished state had been particularly badly hit.

In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, an estimated 28 people have been killed in rain-related incidents and rivers there are also on the rise, local reports said Monday.

In Orissa, Special Relief Commissioner Mr P.K. Mohapatra told AFP that an estimated 150,000 people living in

low-lying areas had been evacuated over the weekend after water levels rose in the Brahmani and Baitarani river systems.

He said five helicopters were dropping food packets in the worst-hit locations and two more would join the fleet.

"Besides, 260 relief centres are in operation providing food and other utilities," Mohapatra said.

The International Federation of the Red cross said it had distributed 5,000 tarpaulins, 2,000 kitchen sets and 15,000 buckets among the affected people.

The floods have been caused by heavy and late rains at the end of the monsoon season.

US blockade has cost \$975 billion, Cuba minister says

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) - The US blockade of Cuba has cost the communist island \$975 billion dollars, its foreign minister said Monday, making a new offer to start talks with the US administration.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parilla told the UN General Assembly in his annual speech that the United States has "intensified" efforts to overthrow the government.

The US embargo on Cuba was first partially imposed in 1960 -- just after Fidel Castro staged his revolution -- and remains in force with the United States banning most trade and most travel to the Caribbean island.

Rodriguez said the embargo has been "tightened" and "the damage it has caused total \$975 billion, according to the present gold price."

The minister also said "The Cuban government reiterates its willingness and interest to move towards the normalization of relations

with the United States."

He proposed talks on humanitarian issues as well as cooperation on countering the drugs trade, terrorism and people smuggling.

"However we know that the electoral race has already begun in this country while the economic situation is getting worse," Rodriguez said.

US President Barack Obama in 2009 reversed the restrictions on immediate family travel and allowed Cuban Americans to send remittances to relatives. Some direct flights are also allowed. But he cannot lift the embargo without Congress approval.

Rodriguez also warned Monday that US and NATO-fostered regime change, like what took place in Libya, might soon plague leftist Latin American leaders who run afoul of the United States.

Cuba, the Americas' only one-party Communist regime, plus its allies Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua have slammed the NATO-led

Lockerbie bomber will not face new prosecution: NTC

TRIPOLI, (AFP) - Libya's transitional justice minister Mohammed al-Alagi said on Monday that Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, the only person convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, should not face a new prosecution.

His comments came after officials said prosecutors in Scotland had formally asked Libya's new government to help them with the investigation into the bombing.

Scottish authorities in particular want Libya's National Transitional Council (NTC) to make evidence and witnesses available for their probe into the attack on Pan Am flight 103 in which 270 people died.

Megrahi, the only person convicted of the bombing, was released on compassionate grounds on August 20, 2009 after doctors said he had only three months to live. He is still alive.

The Pan Am jumbo jet exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie on December 21, 1988, killing 259 people on the aircraft, mainly Americans, and 11 on the ground.

Secret files released earlier this month showed that Moamer Kadhafi's now-toppled regime warned of "dire consequences" for relations between Libya and Britain if Megrahi died in jail in Scotland.



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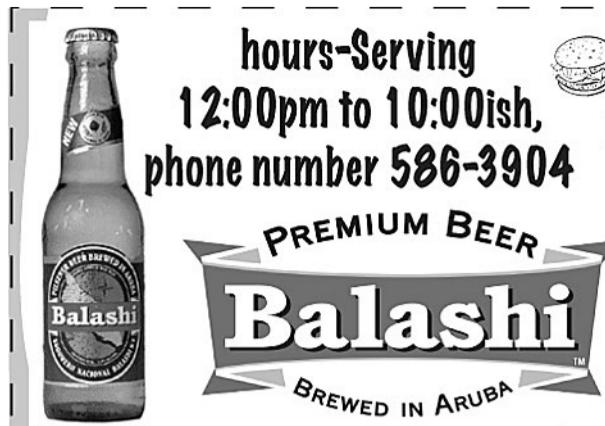
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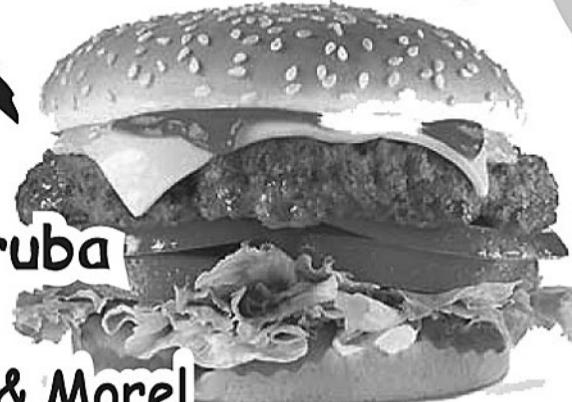
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Eleven of Aruba's top artists will be honored and recognized in Washington DC in the United States at the exposition in the residence of the Ambassador for the Dutch Kingdom in Washington D.C.

Over 200 visitors and members of the American press will be in attendance at the opening of the exposition.

The organization for this exposition began about a year ago with the initiative of Aruban artist and sculptor Renwick Heronimo who resides in Washington D.C. with his wife who is Aruba's Plenipotentiary Minister in Washington D.C., Jocelyne Croes. Both Jocelyne and Renwick are always looking for opportunities to showcase Aruba not only touristically but also for its rich heritage and interesting activities.

The Aruba Minister of Economic Affairs has pledged her total support for this event and has even granted financial support to the project. The Minister has also scheduled her working visit to Washington DC to coincide with the opening of the exposition. The Governor of Aruba, the Dutch

Queen representative in Aruba, will also be present for the exposition in Washington DC.

It is the very first time that the Ambassador of the Dutch Kingdom in Washington will open his residence for such an event. Together with sculptors and contemporary artists Laura Roulet and Gijs Stork, they will be in charge of displaying all of the works of art of 11 Aruban artists. The theme for the exposition is "Microcosm."

They made a selection

from about 20 contemporary local artists and two international sculptors. The final selection resulted in 11 artists being chosen to exhibit their works of art. These are: Ciro Abath, Telka Van Dodewaard, Rob ter Haar, Glenda Heyliger, Elisa Lejuez Peters, Elvis Lopez, Alida Martinez, Osaira Muyale, Ryan Oduber, Francisco Pardo, Hugo Palmar and Joanie Croes.

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SETAR N.V. in its final phase with the Digital Cable upgrading process

SEROE BLANCO – SETAR N.V. announces to its subscribers that the Digital Cable Service is in its final phase of the process of changing its electronic guide for a new service called "Passport Guide."

On Wednesday, September 28, the process continues at 12.01 am (Tuesday midnight) in Brazil, Cura Cabai, Noord Cura Cabai, Savaneta, Rooi Koochi, Pos Chiquito, Sabana Basora, Sabana Basora Noord, Balashi WEB, Balashi and

Barcadera and on Thursday, September 29 at 12.01 am (Wednesday midnight) in San Nicolas.

This means that all Digital Cable clients in all the above-mentioned neighborhoods must leave their boxes ON tonight, September 27 and in San Nicolas on September 28, when going to bed to ensure the changes.

At the end of the process the new guide will appear automatically on TV. Clients will also note changes in some

Yuwana Morto Housing Complex Innovative and Attractive!



Elmar NV's Eric Tromp is in charge of the solar system project on the Yuwana Morto Housing project. Tromp explains that the system being installed by Elmar is a rather new system and very different from the solar panels we are familiar with. The system being used is flat panels, which are affixed much easier to the roofs. The system produces 1 kilowatt for each house, which are about 200-kilowatt hours. If the inhabitants of the house uses 200 kilowatt hours or less they could use the complete system throughout the entire

day. The total energy of the six homes will go into the grid of Elmar NV and via the grid the energy will be distributed. This will be applicable for both the homes as well as the neighborhood.

According to Eric Tromp, this project is a pilot project that is being undertaken together with the government. After implementing this project they will ascertain how they will continue with possibly other similar projects. Tromp also showed the LED lights that have been installed on street lamps to illuminate the Yuwana Morto barrio. They installed 7 light poles with LED lamps. These lights consume much less energy and give greater brightness. Elmar has completed her part of the project. In addition to installing the solar panels, Elmar was also responsible for the electrical wiring of the houses in the complex. All light poles have their wiring buried under ground.

According to Eric Tromp, there are several local companies selling the type of solar strips installed by Elmar. Those interested should go by and see the system they used. Eventually Elmar intends to go into the business of supplying solar energy.

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This week, Her Royal Highness Princess Maxima and Minister de Jager of the Netherlands will be in Washington DC for a meeting of the IMF. Princess Maxima is expected to be the

guest of honor at the residence in Washington where the exposition will take place. She will be able to view the spectacular scenes of the myriad of Aruban art works on display.

The exposition closes on October 15. Those interested in visiting should contact the Ambassador of the Dutch Kingdom in Washington DC to arrange this.

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Eman hangs with Impressive XPS Field

NORWALK, Ohio -- The Extreme Pro Stock class gave ADRL fans a taste of the best drag racing has to offer at this past weekend's Summit Racing Equipment Ohio Drags. Despite losing two qualifying attempts due to contrary weather, the class was separated by a mere 66 thousandths of a second from number 1 (4.045) to number 16 (4.111) qualifier. Trevor Eman landed the Aruba.com/Alltel Mustang in the number 9 spot with a 4.096 at 176.86. In round one Eman sent Brian Gahm back to the trailer on a hole shot victory (4.147 to 4.143). Unfortunately for the gang from Aruba, they fell on the wrong side of the ladder and were paired with points leader Cary Goforth in round two. In round one, Goforth had backed up his 4.045E.T. world record with a 4.069. Although Eman stayed consistent with a 4.141 and had Goforth on the light by nearly 2 hundredths, it just wasn't enough to take on Goforth's powerhouse numbers, as he posted another sub 4.10 run (.038, 4.141 to .054, 4.077).

"We had a good weekend and feel we have nothing to hang our heads about," told Eman. "Cary and his guys are making some incredible passes. I want to congratulate

them on setting a new world record and then winning the event. It is just a privilege to run with such an awesome group of racers. There's no denying that XPS is the toughest class to compete in. Even though we lost two qualifying sessions because of Friday's rainout, the class was incredibly tight.

"It was great to have Alltel with us again this weekend. We need more non-automotive sponsors in drag racing and it's good to see companies like Alltel take an interest in our sport and our team. They're a huge help to us and we were excited to have them out this weekend.

"We are disappointed about not making the Battle for the Belts; I think we missed it by just one round. But, we are happy that Richie Stevens and the CarSafe guys were able to lock in the 8th position. They are great guys and we will be cheering them on in the Shootout.

"Now our focus is on the season finale. We want to make the last race of the season our best one. We will never stop working toward our first ADRL victory. I know it is right around the corner for our team."

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This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel "Nos Cultura," folkloric music by "Tipico Arco Iris," dance performance by "Super Dancers," trio performance by Jacobs Family, poem declaimed by Laura Kock, soloist Quincy Hasham and brass band TBS.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3.

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Impressive presentation by ATA to ATSA board members

Recently, The Aruba Time-share Association (ATSA) invited Mrs. Ronella Tjin-Asjoe and Mrs. Sanju Luidens of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) for a presentation for their board members in the meeting room of La Cabana Beach & Raquet Club.

ATA's CEO, Mrs. Tjin-Asjoe, presented some of the most important preliminary figures of the tourism industry focusing on the performance and projections of the different markets. Mrs. Tjin-Asjoe made use of the opportunity to announce that the Marketing Plan 2012 will be officially presented in the upcoming weeks.

The CMO of ATA, Mrs. Luidens presented part of the marketing approach for 2012 including the strategic direction, projections of growth as well as some of the new images, creation of content, adoption of new technologies and

the introduction of innovative programs.

This was an opportune meeting considering the efforts of ATA to enhance the image of Aruba as a destination and the role timeshare plays in the tourism industry. Since one of the objectives of ATA is to be able to count on repeaters and timeshare owners to communi-

cate the Aruba message to attract new visitors, it is very important to work closer with ATSA to be able to understand the current timeshare customer.

The meeting culminated with the commitment of both organizations for data exchange allowing them to work more efficiently towards the welfare of the tourism industry.

Joran van der Sloot admits murder in police video

Dutchman Joran van der Sloot, currently in jail accused of murdering a young Peruvian woman last year, confesses to the murder in a police video released yesterday, say press reports.

He tells police he hit and strangled Stephany Flores after she read an email on his computer that 'caused me pain'.

It is thought the email referred to the disappearance of American schoolgirl Natalee Holloway on the Caribbean island of Aruba six years ago. Van der Sloot has twice been arrested and released on suspicion of involvement.

In the video, broadcast by the Peruvian news station RPP Noticias, Van der Sloot says Stephany hit him after reading the email. He reacted by hitting her several times and then strangling her.

When a police agent asks him: 'Did you murder Stephany Flores?', Van der

Sloot replies: 'Yes'.

The 24-year-old then took her possessions and fled to Chili where he was arrested three weeks later.

The video was filmed in June 2010, and he tried to renege his statement soon thereafter. Authorities have previously released only transcripts of their interviews with van der Sloot.

Van der Sloot was in police custody less than a week before his alleged confession. In the weeks that followed, he reportedly retracted his statement, saying police had "tricked" him. Van der Sloot claimed he was falsely promised that he would be extradited back to the Netherlands if he agreed to the statement.

Van der Sloot has been in jail in Peru since June 2010 where he is facing 30 years in jail if found guilty. The Flores family, however, are pressing for a life sentence.

SCI-TECH

The era of big American physics about to end



This undated image released by Fermilab shows 4-mile (6.4-km) in circumference Tevatron accelerator which uses superconducting magnets chilled to minus 450 degrees Fahrenheit (-268C), as cold as outer space, to move particles at nearly the speed of light.

BATAVIA (AFP) - The era of big American physics ends Friday with the retirement of the Tevatron particle accelerator, which has been recreating the Big Bang under four miles of Illinois prairie for 25 years.

The Tevatron has been rendered obsolete by a more powerful atom smasher -- the world's largest -- built in the Alps on the French-Swiss border by the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN), a consortium of 20 member nations.

It seems unlikely that the United States, which once dominated the field and reaped the rewards of discoveries and technological innovations, will be able to muster the resources to build the next big particle physics project.

Long-term funding is simply too hard to come by.

Instead, American physicists will concentrate on more precise -- and less expensive -- questions at home and work with CERN on high-energy projects like the search for the elusive 'God' particle.

"In our field we don't keep beating our heads if we have been outdone by another machine," said Pier Oddone, director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, which operates the Tevatron.

"The idea is we shift to those areas where we can make the greatest contributions to understanding," Oddone told AFP.

"Sometimes the biggest discoveries come from smaller projects."

The Tevatron's retirement comes at a difficult time for American science.

NASA flew its last space shuttle mission in July.

Government funding is being squeezed by a deep economic downturn and bitter budget battles on Capitol Hill.

And science itself has become politicized, with disbelief in evolution and human contribution to global warming now a litmus test for Republicans hoping to win the support of the party's conservative base.

Fermi's scientists say they cannot predict what the United States will lose by ceding high-energy physics

to Europe.

The gains from Tevatron are far easier to quantify.

"The Tevatron has made phenomenal contributions to particle physics," said CERN's director general Rolf Heuer.

"Top of the list has to be the discovery of the top quark in 1995, but there are many more."

While expanding our understanding of the fundamental mysteries of the universe is a worthy accomplishment, the Tevatron has also led to a host of more concrete advances.

At the top of that list is the widespread use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines for medical diagnosis.

The superconducting wires used in MRI magnets were rare and prohibitively expensive until Fermilab essentially created an industry with Tevatron's demand for enough wire to circle the earth 2.3 times.

"No one imagined that there would be spinoffs that would eventually be important for saving your wife's life or your daughter's life or your grandmother's life through this medical imaging, yet that's exactly what happened," said Stuart Henderson, Fermilab's associate director for accelerators.

The next big discoveries at Fermilab could come from three new projects being funded in part by the \$50 million that used to be spent every year on the Tevatron.

Scientists are currently building a dark energy camera, which will be able to scan the galaxy faster than any other telescope and aims to discover why the expansion of the universe is speeding up instead of slowing down.

They are also constructing the world's most powerful neutrino beam, which could help explain why the universe has more matter than antimatter and expand our understanding of its most abundant particles.

Project X -- if it secures funding -- aims to be the world's most intense proton accelerator.

"We're in a position here in the United States to really cement our leading role on unraveling the intensity frontier and Project X really provides a platform for us to do that over the next 20 to 30 years," Henderson said.

"If the US does not, I'm sure someone will pick it up and do it for us."

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Enough water to double world food production

(AFP) -- There is enough fresh water in the world to double food production in the next decades -- the problem is its inefficient use, according to a study released Monday at the World Water Congress meeting in Brazil.

"There is clearly sufficient water to sustain food, energy, industrial and environmental needs during the 21st century," read the report, published in a special edition of the journal Water International.

The five-year study involving experts in 30 countries "is the most comprehensive effort to date to assess how ... human societies are coping with the growing need for water."

The world's most pressing problem is doubling food production to feed a growing population "expected to expand from seven to 9.5 billion people by 2050," the report read.

Water scarcity "is not affecting our ability to grow enough food today," said Alain Vidal with the Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF), the group that produced the report.

"Yes, there is scarcity in certain areas, but our findings show that the problem overall is a failure to make efficient

and fair use of the water available in these river basins.

"This is ultimately a political challenge, not a resource concern," he said.

According to Vidal, "huge volumes of rainwater are lost or never used, particularly in the rain-fed regions of sub-Saharan Africa. With modest improvements, we can generate two to three times more food than we are producing today."

Simon Cook, one of the study coordinators, told AFP that the capacity to increase food production "is there, but only if we use the water in a balanced way."

Water management must be seen in their totality for a balanced use, Cook said.

The report notes "the increasingly political role" of managing the competing demands for water. These include water for crops and pastures, to generate electricity, for industrial use, and for city residents.

The experts studied 10 river basins around the world, including the Indus-Ganges, Mekong, and Yellow in Asia; the Limpopo, Nile and Volta basins in Africa; and the Sao Francisco and the Andes river basin in South America.

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Health & Living

Young people having more unprotected sex: study

LONDON, (AFP) - The number of young people having unprotected sex in the West has risen sharply over the past two years, a survey said Monday, with health professionals concerned the safe sex message is falling on deaf ears.

The study by the Parenthood Foundation showed particularly sharp increases among sexually active teenagers in the United States and in European countries such as France who were failing to use contraception with a new partner.

In the United States, the percentage rose from 38 percent in 2009 to 53 percent now, while France saw an increase from 19 percent to 40 percent.

The survey to mark World Contraception Day also dis-

covered that Thailand is a particular cause for concern because as many as 62 percent of young Thais have had unprotected sex with a new partner.

But the figure was above 50 percent in countries as diverse as China, South Korea, Norway and Estonia.

The study highlights that across Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America and the United States, the most common reason for not using contraception is a lack of preparedness for sexual activity.

Up to a third of young people in those regions said they did not have any form of contraception available when at the time of intercourse.

Jennifer Woodside of the International Planned Parenthood Federation said: "What the results show is that too

many young people either lack good knowledge about sexual health, do not feel empowered enough to ask for contraception or have not learned the skills to negotiate contraceptive use with their partners to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies or STIs (sexually transmitted infections)."

The survey involved 5,426 young people in 26 countries in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and United States, as well as 600 people in Egypt, and was conducted between April and May this year.

It concerned people aged 15 to 24, although it included respondents up to the age of 30 in Egypt.

It was funded by German pharmaceuticals giant Bayer.

Australian alarm over child asylum-seeker suicide bid

SYDNEY, (AFP) - Asylum-seekers as young as nine have attempted suicide in Australian immigration lock-ups, the top medical body said, as it slammed detention of youngsters as akin to "child abuse".

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) said it was worried about the mental health of detainees, and that children were suffering from depression and self-harm.

Some had also gone on hunger strike.

Australia has long had a policy of mandatory detention for boatpeople seeking asylum and many are held in remote facilities, including on the Indian Ocean outpost of Christmas Island.

The government has softened its stance in recent years to allow more women and

children into the community as their refugee claims are assessed, but Morris recommended families not be held in detention at all.

In May, Darwin doctors reported that asylum-seeker children were attempting self-harm and even suicide.

The Royal Darwin Hospital confirmed to the inquiry today that in the 12 months to the end of July, there were 33 children up to the age of 16 discharged from the hospital, among them some cases of self-harm.

Refugee advocates say there have been five suicides in immigration detention nationally since September 2010.

The government has already announced a probe after more than 1,100 cases of threatened or actual self-harm were reported in a year.

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Barcelona stages final bullfight before regional ban



Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas kills a bull in Barcelona's Monumental arena for the last time on September 25, 2011.

BARCELONA, (AFP) - Three top matadors slayed six half-tonne bulls Sunday in the last bullfight held in Catalonia before a ban on the centuries-old tradition comes into effect in the northeastern Spanish region.

The sold-out crowd of 18,000 applauded and chanted "Freedom!" throughout the bullfight at Barcelona's Monumental arena, the city's last active bullring which opened its doors in 1914.

The crowd later carried all three matadors who took part in the bullfight on their shoulders out of the arena to the applause of onlookers.

"For a city like Barcelona to close this arena is like throwing a Picasso painting into the garbage," said 68-year-old Cristobal, who declined to give his last name, before taking his seat at the Monumental for the bullfight.

Catalonia's regional parliament voted in July 2010 to ban bullfighting from January 1, 2012 after animal rights groups managed to garner 180,000 signatures for a petition demanding the debate.

It was the first region in mainland Spain to ban the tradition. While the move fueled the debate across the country

over bullfighting, there is little sign that any other Spanish region is poised to follow Catalonia's example.

Spain's Canary Islands banned bullfighting in 1991.

Marin and other critics say the move was as much about Catalonia, which has its own language and where many seek independence from Spain, underlining its regional identity as an issue of animal rights.

They point out that other festivals, including one in which flaming torches are attached to the horns of a bull, which is then pursued through the streets, will survive the new regime.

The bullfight has a long tradition in Catalonia, going back to the 16th century, but as in the rest of Spain interest in the sport is falling.

Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city, had three bullrings at one point. But the Monumental, the city's last active arena, hosted just 18 bullfights last year.

While bullfighting is carried out across the country, a survey, only 22.5 percent of Catalans questioned said they were interested in the tradition.



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Several departments, nominates each month one employee that did an exceptional job, showing that they care, with the Guests, doing their utmost to go the extra mile in Customer Service & Guest Relations. This monthly nomination is called the “Constant Caring Friend” and only one gets elected out of different nominees. Recently a few were

recognized, these were for the months of June, July and August.

Nominees for Constant Caring Friends were: Maria Dijkhoff, Derric Koolman, Anna Kelly, Lindon Hamilton, Lourdes Sanchez, Arnold Adviento, Roland Luydens, Luckner St Aude, Eloy Werleman, Rudsell Giel, Maria Giel and John de Cuba.



Elected as constant caring friend for the month of August:Marino Manzueta, first cook



Elected as constant caring friend for the month of July: Johnde Cuba, bellman

Admiral Charles D. Michel meets with Prime Minister Eman

on fortifying ties in the war against drugs



Oranjestad - Joint Interagency Task Force South Director, Admiral Charles D. Michel, accompanied by a delegation comprised of General American Consul Valerie Belon, Savaneta Marine Camp Commander Hofma, and other alliance delegations including one from France, met with Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman recently to deliberate on points of common interest. Main point of discussion was the Forward Operating Loca-

tion - FOL, and the vital cooperation between the U.S. and Dutch Kingdom in the war against drugs. Admiral Charles Michel expressed his satisfaction in being in Aruba and meeting Prime Minister Eman, as he considers us the island an important ally in the war against drugs. Admiral Michel is a two-star naval military officer with a very long and impressive military record. As a student, he graduated summa cum laude.

"Sun Outage" once more causing interferences with SETAR Cable TV signals

From September 24 to September 30

A sun outage, sun transit or sun fade is an interruption in or distortion of geostationary satellite signals caused by interference from solar radiation. The effect is due to the sun's radiation overwhelming the satellite signal. Generally, sun outages occur in February, March, September and October, that is, around the time of the equinoxes. At these times, the apparent path of the sun across the sky takes it directly behind the line of sight between an earth station and a satellite. As the sun radiates strongly at the microwave frequencies used to communicate with satellites (C-band, Ka band and Ku band) the sun swamps the signal from the satellite. The effects of a sun outage can include partial degradation, that is, an increase in the error rate, or total destruction of the signal.

SETAR announces to all its Cable T.V. clients that once again they will experience some interferences on some channels during the period of September 24 to September 30.

The interferences will be as follows:

Between 10:09 - 10:17 a.m.
RCTV (24), Cosmo TV(42), Disney LA (59), Disney DX (62) and El Gourmet (92 of 176).

Between 10:21 - 10:28 a.m.
Espn International (6), XEW (9), Discovery Channel (18) y Space (19), Filmzone (21), Headline News (30), Boomerang (32), Cartoon Channel (33), Tuner Classic Movie (41), LIV (36), CNNI (56), Discovery Kids (63), Animal Planet (64), Telehit (66), Telenovela (69), ESPN 2 (71 of 145), Cinema Golden Channel (83 of 182), Discovery Health (90 of 174), Movie City E. (220), Movie City W (221), City Mix E (222), City

Stars (223), City Family E (224) and City Family W (225).

Between 11:30 - 11:38 a.m..
BBC (5), Hallmark Channel (7), Filmzone (21), HTV (28), NICK LA (31), Duetsche Welle (37), Playhouse Dis. (60), MPLAY (65), TVCOL (68), ESPN2 (70) of (151), Fox Sports LA (72) of (142), Discovery Turbo (77 of 144), Concert Channel (85 of 191), Caracol TV (86), DSCI (88 of 162), DCIVI (89 of 163), DH&H (90 of 174), DT&L (91 of 175), PROMO-100 (100), PPV (101/114), HBO E (200), HBO O (201), HBO Pe (202), HBOPO (203), HBOFe (204), HBOFo (205), MAX E (206), MAX O (207), MXP E (208), MXP O (209), DMX (400/449).

Between 2:05 - 2:12 p.m.
NGEO (29), EWTN (44), BLOOM (32), TEMPO (67), SPEED (75), NGC/HD (300)

Between 2:50 - 2:58 p.m.
WGN (2), CWII (80) y MY9 (82).

Between 4:01 - 4:09 p.m.
BVN (11) y ABC (14)

Between 4:09 - 4:17 p.m.
Husler TV (504)

Between 4:28 - 4:36 p.m.
OUTD (78) y OUTD/HD (308)

Between 04:37 - 4:44 p.m.
CNN (3), SMILE (34), TBN (43) y LIFE/HD (305)

Between 4:45 - 4:53 p.m.
WLTH (96) y WLTH/HD (301)

Between 5:02 - 5:10 p.m.
LIFE (10), LMN (27), LRW (84), LMN/HD (306)

Between 5:10 - 5:19 p.m.
E! Entertainment (26)

Between 5:20 - 5:27 p.m.
CTVG (8), SPD/DH (307), CNN/HD (303), MLB games 1 - 14 (channels 121 up to 134)

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This past weekend islanders enjoyed great buys and were introduced to the latest innovations available for the home

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66 exhibitors included banks, security companies and insurance agencies for investing and protecting that major investment. Some new and interesting booths: Home2go.com, offering reasonably prices and stylish Brazilian décor online and Eagle Roofing, showing homeowners how to save big time on future utility bills by deploying proven insulation techniques in the building process, or renovating their roof to severely reduce the effects of the tropical sun.

A veteran participant, Veneta Cushina, the first to bring quality, computer designed Italian kitchens to Aruba, initiated their raffle with a 25,000 florin kitchen prize, installed and size adjusted. Tickets for the drawing on October 15 are only 15 Aruban florins, and visitors were buying them by the book to take advantage of this great offer. Thought the expo is over, tickets can still be obtained at their Veneta Cushina shop on Avenida Milio Croes in Dakota.

There was much to explore at this year's Expo Cas with great prizes being awarded during raffle drawing nearly every hour on the hour. If you missed it, you can check out the exhibitors at their website: <http://www.expocas.net/>

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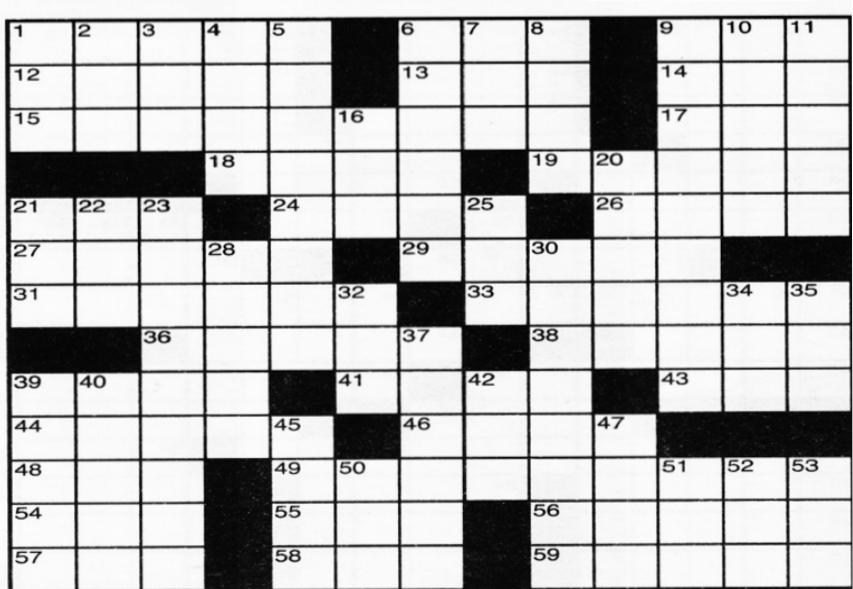
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Obama: Europe crisis scaring world

MOUNTAIN VIEW, (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Monday complained that Europe's financial crisis was scaring the world and was rooted in the eurozone's failure to fix its banks.

In a new sign of US frustration about a situation that many in Washington fear could further derail the US recovery, Obama mentioned the eurozone turmoil as one foreign factor which had helped to slow America's economy.

"In Europe... you know, they have not fully healed from the crisis back in 2007 and never fully dealt with all the challenges that their bank-

ing system faced," Obama said at a forum hosted by the LinkedIn social network.

"It's now being compounded with what's happening in Greece. So they're going through a financial crisis that is scaring the world."

"And they're trying to take responsible actions, but those actions haven't been quite as quick as they need to be."

After weeks of saying Europe had the capacity to meet its sovereign debt crisis, US officials have been showing signs of increasing impatience with EU political leaders as fears spread of contagion from the eurozone crisis.

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said last week that America had a huge stake in helping Europe find a "more effective strategy" to tackle its financial crisis.

European and US shares rose on Monday with intense speculation over a more ambitious bailout fund for the eurozone and an orderly Greek default, though lack of details and denials by officials kept trading volatile.

But Germany shot down moves to boost European debt rescue funding, and Greece languished without a date for the return of auditors blocking loans it needs to avoid default.

Ex Google exec: 'Mr President raise my taxes'

MOUNTAIN VIEW, (AFP) - The nascent 2012 election campaign today served up what might be the ultimate softball question to Barack Obama: "Mr President, would you please raise my taxes?"

Former Google executive Doug Edwards, who said he had made enough from the search engine giant to chose unemployment, lobbed the question the US leader's way during a Silicon Valley event

hosted by the LinkedIn social network.

His intervention came as Obama makes the case that the wealthiest Americans should pay more in taxes as he seeks to cut the deficit and pay for his \$447 billion jobs program, despite Republican claims of class warfare.

"I don't have a job, (I) worked for a small startup down the street here that did quite well," Edwards told

Obama. "I am unemployed by choice." He then added: "My question is -- would you please raise my taxes?"

Edwards later told reporters that he had never met Obama, but was invited to the town hall event by a friend who had links to the Democratic Party.

He was a brand manager at Google between 1999 and 2005 and said he believed that Americans who could afford it should pay more money in capital gains taxes to help the less well off, and programs like infrastructure improvements.

Obama, who answered an hour of questions from a decidedly friendly crowd, told Edwards that the two of them had become successful because "somebody invested in our education. Somebody built schools."

Oil prices mixed in volatile trade

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Oil prices closed little changed Monday after a day of see-saw trade Monday as markets remained on edge over the eurozone crisis.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for November delivery gained 39 cents to \$80.24.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for November ended off three cents at \$103.94. Earlier Monday, the contract slid more than two dollars to a one-month low of \$101.66.

Italy's ENI said it has resumed oil production in Libya more than six months after civil unrest brought oil and gas output in the country to a near standstill.

The company, working in partnership with Libya's state-run oil company NOC, said that it had opened 15 wells at the Abu Attifel oil field, bringing production to 31,900 barrels a day.

Other wells will be reactivated in the coming days with the goal of creating enough volume to allow production to be transported by pipeline to the Zueitina terminal, the company said.

Shell said it had shut in 25,000 barrels per day of crude production in a southern Nigerian oil field due to spills caused by sabotage and theft.

"The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd (SPDC) has shut in production from Imo River Field due to a recent upsurge of illegal bunkering and refining activities which have impacted the environment," the company said in a statement.

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Vietnam firm pays 'millions' to free pirated ship

HANOI, (AFP) - A Vietnamese shipping firm paid more than \$2 million in ransom to free crewmen held for months by Somali pirates, a company executive said Monday after the sailors arrived home.

All 24 Vietnamese crew members landed on Friday at Hanoi's Noi Bai international airport, Nguyen Truong Son, deputy general director of Hoang Son Ltd Co, told AFP.

"We had to pay the pirates \$2.6 million. The money was from our own company," said Son, whose firm has an office in the northern port city of

Haiphong.

The European Union's anti-piracy naval force reported on January 20 that the Hoang Son Sun, a 22,835-tonne bulk carrier, was believed to have been captured about 520 nautical miles southeast of Muscat.

The ship was Mongolian-flagged but Vietnamese-owned.

"In general, the health of all 24 returned Vietnamese sailors is good," Son said. "Some have said they were beaten by the pirates but we are going to verify what they said."

Piracy has flourished in war-torn Somalia, outwitting

international efforts including constant patrols by warships and tough sentencing of convicted pirates.

According to Hans Tino Hansen, managing director of Denmark-based Risk Intelligence, the size of ransoms paid has steadily risen to about \$5 million for an average-sized merchant vessel.

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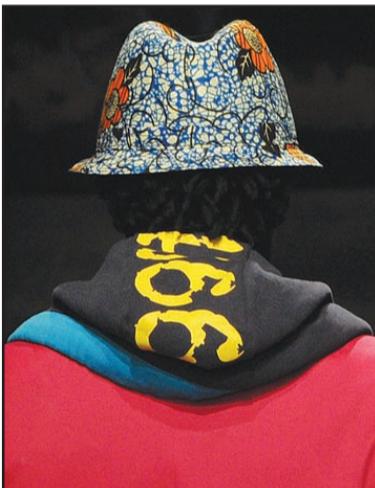
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Mandela charity's fashion line makes runway debut



CEO of Brand ID, which manages the 46664 label.

Many of the clothes used prints inspired by the loose shirts that Mandela himself wore after taking office in 1994 as South Africa's first black president.

A few more muted pieces included slates and charcoals, but pink, green, orange and purple were the order of the day whether in patchwork shorts for men or smartly tailored suits for women.

Between seven and nine percent of the revenue generated by the clothes will go to Mandela's foundation, which is committed to battling the spread of HIV and AIDS.

The organisation once used mega-concerts with stars like Bono and Annie Lennox to raise money for its work, but 46664 head Ruth Rensburg said the charity now needed other ways of fundraising.

"46664 currently implements Nelson Mandela international day, it takes responsibility for the global coordination and implementation of it around the world," she said. "What we will do going forward is look for projects that take forward Mr Mandela's work."

Mandela Day is observed on July 18, the Nobel Peace Prize winner's birthday, when he asks the public to perform community service.

Mandela was given the number 46664 upon his arrival at South Africa's Robben Island prison in 1964, where he remained until 1982.

He spent time in various prisons on the mainland until his release in 1990 and was elected president following South Africa's first-ever free vote in 1994.



JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) - A fashion line launched to raise money for Nelson Mandela's AIDS charity made its runway debut Sunday, with high-fashion incarnations of the vivid shirts that he often wore as president.

The clothing created for 46664, the anti-apartheid hero's prison number which is now the name of his charity, appeared on the catwalk for South Africa Fashion Week, with everything from salmon-coloured suits for men to full-length flowing gowns for women.

"What is exciting about this range is that pretty much most people can find something in the range," said Wayne Bebb,

Mandela, Tutu hail Maathai as 'African heroine'

NAIROBI (AFP) -South African Nobel laureates Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu on Monday hailed the legacy of Kenyan environmental activist Wangari Maathai, calling her a "true African heroine".

"She understood and acted on the inextricable links between poverty, rights and environmental sustainability. One can but marvel at her foresight and the scope of her success. She was a true African heroine," Tutu's office said in a statement.

"Our condolences go to Professor Maathai's family, to the people of Kenya, and to the countless women (and men) across Africa and the world to whom she was an inspiration," it said.

The Nelson Mandela Foundation, responsible for carrying on the work of South Africa's first black president, hailed her as "exceptional environmental activist".

"She has left a lasting



South African Nobel laureates Nelson Mandela and the legacy of Kenyan environmental activist Wangari Maathai,

legacy in greater awareness and work in protecting our environment and the world," said Achmat Dangor, the foundation's chief executive.

Maathai died of cancer on Sunday at age 71, according to the Green Belt Movement she founded.

Maathai became a key figure in Kenya after founding the movement in 1977,

staunchly campaigning for environmental conservation and good governance.

She won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her reforestation work in her native Kenya -- the first African woman,

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger



Aaron and Manager Marc Anthony

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet



cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely

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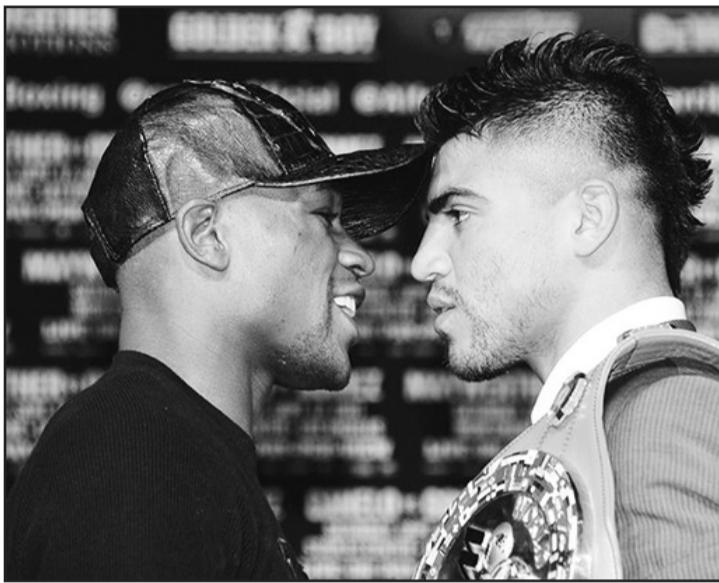


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Ortiz makes pitch for Mayweather rematch



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Victor Ortiz, a controversial knock-out victim at the hands of unbeaten Floyd Mayweather, began pushing the case on Monday for a chance to regain the welterweight title in a rematch.

Mayweather flattened Ortiz one second before the end of the fourth round on September 17 while an unguarded Ortiz, his hands lowered after apologizing to Mayweather for a head butt, was looking at referee Joe Cortez.

"That was an unfair way to take the title from a champion," Ortiz said. "I was very, very disrespected by Floyd. I think a rematch would be perfect."

"To me that was not sportsmanship at all."

Mayweather, 42-0 with 26 knockouts, took the World Boxing Council title and might be looking at such foes as Filipino superstar Manny Pacquiao or Britain's Amir Khan for a return to the ring in 2012 rather than face an Ortiz rematch.

"Victor apologized and

Floyd punk-shotted him," said Ortiz's manager, Rolando Arellano. "He's not worthy of that title. The only way he's going to be worthy is if he gives us a rematch and beats us fair and square."

"If he doesn't give us a rematch his legacy will be tainted and tarred for the rest of his life."

Oscar de la Hoya, Ortiz's promoter and a split-decision loser to Mayweather in 2007, said Mayweather's punch, while coming after Cortez resumed the fight after a break, was a poor end to a potentially epic fight.

"If Floyd Mayweather has any sort of honor, he'll give Victor Ortiz the rematch," de la Hoya said. "This fight was

barely warming up. Everyone was cheated from a great fight. We saw bad sportsmanship end this fight."

"We'll never know what happened because of a cheap shot. Call it legal. Call it illegal. It was bad sportsmanship. That's not the way to become a champion."

Ortiz's camp blamed Cortez for losing control of the fight, saying Ortiz only headbutted Mayweather after Mayweather repeatedly elbowed him with no action from Cortez.

"We saw at least 10 or 15 elbows coming from Floyd during the fight and Cortez looking at the elbows in Ortiz's face," de la Hoya said. "I don't think Joe Cortez had control of that fight. He wasn't fair and he wasn't firm."

If Mayweather, who faces court hearings later this year on several charges, does not offer Ortiz a rematch, Pacquiao and Khan are on the Ortiz hit list, as is a possible rematch with US compatriot Andre Berto, who Ortiz beat in April.

Pacquiao "is one of the names I always talk about. He's definitely in the mix," Ortiz said.

Of Khan, who plans to move up to welterweight in 2012, Ortiz said, "Oh yeah, definitely. Why not?"

New boys City aim to down aristocrats Bayern

(AFP) -- Manchester City coach Roberto Mancini insists he has brought his side to Bavaria to take home three points and prove his side belong amongst European football's aristocrats in the Champions League.

City's Italian coach was full of praise for four-time European champions Munich, who last won the Champions League in 2001 and described the Bavarian giants as 'part of football history' and one of the top sides in Europe.

City are level at the top of England's Premier League with neighbours Manchester United and although this is their debut Champions League campaign, Mancini said they can break Bayern's nine-match winning-streak.

"It is fantastic to play against a club like Bayern, but we do not want to lose the game, that is for sure. We want to win it," said Mancini as his team prepare for their second Champions League

game.

"We are a good team already, but if we want to become a side like Bayern, to become part of the history of football, we have to learn a lot, we have just played one game in the Champions League."

"We are expecting quite a difficult match, not as winnable as last year," he

Jay-Z says Nets will bear Brooklyn name

NEW YORK (AFP) - The NBA's New Jersey Nets will change their name to the Brooklyn Nets when they move into a new arena next year, hip-hop singer and Nets part-owner Jay-Z said Monday.

Across the street from the site where the team plans to play next season, Jay-Z announced he would open the arena by performing there next September in at least two or three concerts.

He also said the team,



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Real see Ajax harder to beat this year



Ajax's head coach Frank De Boer gives a press conference

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid are bracing to face a trickier, more experienced Ajax squad today than the one they beat 4-0 last year at the same stage in the European Champions League, the Spanish team said Monday.

"Ajax are better now than a year ago. They are bringing practically the same team, have spent a year working together, and have more experience," Real's assistant coach Aitor Karanka told a news conference.

"We are expecting quite a difficult match, not as winnable as last year," he

said, standing in for coach Jose Mourinho, who is serving a UEFA ban after an ill-tempered Champions League clash with Barcelona last season.

A victory against Ajax in Madrid on Tuesday night will all but guarantee a place in the knockout stages for Real from qualifying Group D, which also includes Lyon of France and Croatia's Dynamo Zagreb.

Real's star striker Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in last November's 4-0 victory in Amsterdam which knocked the Dutch side out in the group stage, with one goal each from French striker Karim Benzema and defender Alvaro Arbeloa.

"I was impressed by what we saw this morning," Arbeloa said, after watching Ajax train on Monday.

"This is an Ajax that has spent a year working together, an Ajax with a lot of speed up front and wingers who can throw you off balance."

Real are the most successful club in Champions League history with 9 titles, but the pressure is mounting on them to seize the trophy again after 10 seasons without winning the event.

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Vick's hand bruised not broken, coach reveals

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Michael Vick, the NFL star who was imprisoned for nearly two years, has suffered only a bruised right hand and not a broken one, Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday.

Vick, a left-handed quarterback, suffered his latest injury on Sunday in a 29-16 loss to the New York Giants and his status for next week's game against San Francisco is uncertain.

Vick's injury was originally thought to be a broken hand after images from a x-ray machine at the stadium showed Vick appearing to have a fracture.

But when doctors examined Vick with a CT scan on Monday, they found his hand was not broken. The angle of the x-ray camera at the stadium made a blood vessel positioned over the bone appear to be a fracture, Reid said.

"The positive is it's not broken," Vick said. "There's a bunch of swelling in there that has got to get out of there. It's sensitive to the touch."

"It's not that he can't play with the swelling. It's just got to get to the point where he can work with it."

Asked whether Vick's replacement would be Vince Young, nursing a sore hamstring, or Mike Kafka, who has replaced Vick after injuries in the past two games, a cagy Reid said: "Let's see how Michael's swelling goes."

The 31-year-old quarterback, a run-pass threat, spent six seasons with the Atlanta

Falcons before being dropped in 2007 and pleading guilty to federal dogfight conspiracy charges for his role in financing the gambling effort. He was signed by the Eagles in 2009 after serving his sentence.

Vick, who was knocked out of his prior game against Atlanta with a concussion, spent last week recovering from that head injury only to suffer the hand injury in the third quarter after rallying the Eagles to a 16-14 lead.

After the loss, Vick said he feels like he does not draw penalty flags from referees when opposing defenders hit him illegally.

"Every time, I don't know why, I don't get the 15-yard flags like everybody else," Vick said. "I'm just hoping somebody will take notice."

Reid supported Vick's cause, saying: "I know he's a marked man. I think it's important that we all keep a close eye on him."

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Britain's Dan Wheldon will race in Sunday's IndyCar race at Kentucky as a tune-up for his attempt to go from worst to first and win \$5 million in the season-ending race at Las Vegas.

The Englishman who won the 100th anniversary edition of the Indianapolis 500 last May is not a regular racer in

the series, having won \$2.5 million and his second career Indy 500 title as a one-off driver at the famed Brickyard oval.

Now Wheldon will replace Canada's Alex Tagliani in driving for Sam Schmidt at Kentucky so he can prepare for a sponsor challenge in which he will split \$5 million with an IndyCar fan if he

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Indy 500 champ Wheldon back on ovals

wins the October 16 race after starting last.

"I can't thank Alex enough for letting me drive his car in Kentucky and to work with the team in preparation for Las Vegas," Wheldon said.

"I'll be stepping into a fast race car that's capable of winning. As a driver, that's all you can ask for."

Schmidt's team backed Wheldon's Indy 500 effort in

May and Wheldon will be driving the car that Tagliani drove into the pole position at Indy this year.

"I'm obviously not happy about sitting out Kentucky," Tagliani said. "But this is a very exciting opportunity (and) Dan and I are good friends."

Wheldon has won 14 career titles on ovals, second-best in series history.

Flyers to host Rangers in 2012 Winter Classic

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Philadelphia Flyers will play host to the New York Rangers in the National Hockey League's outdoor Winter Classic game on January 2, the league announced Monday.

The game will be played outdoors in the 43,500-seat ballpark of Major League

Baseball's Philadelphia Phillies. The division rivals are the geographically closest foes to meet in the US outdoor series, set for its fifth installment.

"The Rangers-Flyers rivalry is one of our very best," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.



MEDINAH, IL: (L-R) Jose Maria Olazabal, captain of the European team, and Davis Love III, captain of the USA team, look about with the Ryder Cup after the Ryder Cup Captains' Press Conference at Medinah Country Club on September 26, 2011 in Medinah, Illinois.



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Bills, Giants, Lions rally for victories

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Rian Lindell booted a game-winning 28-yard field goal as the clock expired, allowing Buffalo to snap a run of 15 losses to New England in a row as the Bills beat the Patriots 34-31 on Sunday.

It was a stunning rally by the Bills after they fell behind 21-0 in the second quarter.

"It's the biggest win of my career. I can't think of any bigger," Bills linebacker Chris Kelsay said. "To beat these guys at home, in front of our fans, with the way they're behind us despite being down early, it's huge. I'll never forget it."

It was the third-longest losing streak against one opponent in NFL history but Ryan Fitzpatrick went 27-of-40 for 369 yards with two touchdowns as Buffalo beat its AFC East rival for the first time since the 2003 opener.

New England quarterback Tom Brady was 30-of-45 for 386 yards and four touchdowns. Brady was also intercepted four times.

Philadelphia's Michael



Brian Moorman #8 of the Buffalo Bills celebrates with Rian Lindell #9 after he kicked the game winning field goal against the Patriots

Vick's week went from bad to worse on Sunday. Still reeling from a concussion he suffered in week two, Vick broke his right hand in a 29-16 loss to the New York Giants.

He left the field in the final quarter after helping the Eagles overcome a 14-0 first-quarter deficit to take a 16-14 lead.

It is the second consecutive week he has left a game with his team in front only to have the Eagles lose.

Eli Manning threw four touchdown passes, including two to Victor Cruz for the Giants.

Vick will have a bone scan on Monday.

"I don't know anything right now except my hand is broken," he said, complaining about the officiating. "I felt I got hit late. No flag. At some point something catastrophic is gonna happen."

In Chicago, Aaron Rodgers tossed for 297 yards and three touchdowns to Jer-michael Finley, and Green Bay shut down the Chicago Bears in a 27-17 win.

The last time the two

teams played it was in last season's NFC final at Soldier Field.

Rodgers led the offence by completing 28 of 38 passes.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford threw two touch-down passes to rally Detroit from a 20-0 halftime deficit, and Jason Hanson kicked a 32-yard field goal in over-time to lift the Lions to a 26-23 win in Minnesota.

Calvin Johnson had seven catches for 108 yards and two touchdowns for the Lions, who are 3-0 for the first time in 31 years.

Adrian Peterson rushed for 78 yards and a touchdown for the winless Vikings.

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